

Daily Plan ~ Day 2

Monday, June 20, 2005

Day Coordinator: Sandra Schultz, National Park

Service Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River

Hancock, NY to Lordville, NY

10 Miles ~ Class I Rapids, Riffles and Pools



Campers will break camp at Firemen's Field, Hancock, NY. At 7:00 A.M. drivers will go to registration and check-in at Equinunk. Others may wait at Firemen's Field. ***Leave private boats at Firemen's Field, Hancock, NY.***

- 7:00 A.M. **Registration and check-in** at Equinunk – Look for signs. Day-trippers load private boats on trailers for shuttle to put-in.
- 8:00 A.M. Shuttle departs for Firemen's Field in Hancock, NY
- 8:30 A.M. **Breakfast** by Ruthie's Copper Kettle Restaurant at the Firemen's Pavilion
- 9:00 A.M. Kick-off talk and short program on the highly invasive plant *Japanese Knotweed* and the efforts of the Delaware River Foundation and others to curb this pest
- 9:45 A.M. Safety Talk
- 10:00 A.M. Launch at Firemen's Field and paddle for 6 miles to the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission's Buckingham Access
- 12:30 P.M. **Lunch** by the Hancock Presbyterian Church Women's Association at the Buckingham Access
- 1:00 P.M. Resume paddling for 4 miles to Lordville, NY
- 3:00 P.M. Arrive at Lordville – Shuttle to Equinunk, PA to pick up vehicles
(Sojourners with personal boats will need to drive back to Lordville from Equinunk to load their boats)
- 4:00 P.M. Caravan to Shawnee Inn and Golf Resort – 72 miles, will take about 2 hours

Campers travel to Shawnee on Delaware - Set up camp

- 7:00 P.M. **Dinner at Camp Area** – Provided by Shawnee on the Delaware
There will be showers at this campsite.
- 7:30 P.M. Evening program: *Native American Lifeways*

Many thanks to today's Sojourn Partners:

Upper Delaware Council; Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River and Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, National Park Service; Equinunk Historical Society; Hancock, NY Firemen; Lander's River Trips; Jerry DaBrescia and the Hancock Partners, Inc.; Ruthie's Copper Kettle Restaurant; Hancock Presbyterian Church Women's Association; and the Shawnee Inn and Golf Resort.

***Water Levels** – Water height is of critical importance for safety in the Upper Delaware section of the river for two reasons:

1. High water can inundate the riverbanks and islands where flooded trees and vegetation can create what are known as “strainers.” Strainers are very, very dangerous and can trap boats and people under water.
2. High water changes the characteristics of the rapids on the Upper Delaware. Some “wash out” while others become more dangerous.

At 6-feet, the National Park Service begins calling the liveries to recommend rafts only. Above the 8-foot water level the National Park Service recommends only “highly skilled boaters in properly equipped rafts or in closed boats.”

The Sojourn’s Policy for the Upper Delaware River is:

At average water levels: 2.9-4.5 ft – Everyone may take the trip in canoes or kayaks, even if it is raining.

At moderate water levels: 4.5 – 6 ft – We will take the trip even if it is raining. Rafts are recommended for less-skilled boaters. The Sojourn Safety Staff will have the final word in determining who is a skilled boater and who should be in a raft.

At high water levels: 6-8 ft – Take the trip even if it is raining and the river is not expected to go above 8 feet. Rafts will be required for all people renting watercraft and for less-skilled private boaters. High water waivers will be required for people using private boats; the Sojourn Safety Staff will have the final word in determining who is a highly skilled boater and who should be in a raft

At very high water: 8-feet and above – There will be No Sojourn River Trip – Alternate Land Activities will be offered.

It is especially important to note that high water rescues endanger the people making the rescue. While Sojourn Safety personnel are well-trained in rescue techniques, the person nearest to a boat or boater in trouble could be another Sojourner. High water makes the river more dangerous for everyone. The Sojourn will determine whether it is safe to paddle on any given Sojourn day.

Day 2 High-Water Plan: There will be lots to see and do. Sojourners can follow the **Upper Delaware Scenic Byway** with stops at Callicoon, NY (shops and antiques), Fort Delaware in Narrowsburg, NY (more shops and antiques in Narrowsburg), the Roebling Bridge, Zane Grey House and Museum in Lackawaxen, PA, Elks Brox Park Overlook and Fort Decker in Port Jervis, NY, High Point State Park in NJ, Grey Towers National Historic Site in Milford, PA, and the Raymondskill Falls in Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area. Directions, maps and brochures will be provided.

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner will be served as planned.